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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

LANGE et al.

Serial No.: 09/297,090

Filed: July 9, 1999

For: FOOD-INDUCED ANTISECRETORY PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: S. Wang

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of April 13, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on June 13, 2001, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 10-25 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims to the application.

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26(New). A method for regulating the flux of fluid and electrolytes in the intestine of an animal so that 1 ml of blood of said animal will contain at least 0.5 units of antisecretory proteins which comprises feeding the animal a sufficient quantity of a foodstuff prepared from cereals having enzymatic activity.